

Spotlight on Catawba...

Location & Climate

Located in the north central area of the state, the Catawba WIA is comprised of three counties: Chester, Lancaster, and York. This area experiences average temperatures in the low 60s and has between 46.11 and 47.88 inches of precipitation annually.

Labor Force

The labor force in the Catawba area reached 140,186 in 2004. The 2004 unemployment rate spanned from 7.1% to 10.1%, showing a decrease since 2003.

Population

Total Area Population 2004: 287,543
Male: 48.7% **Female:** 51.3%
White: 73.5% **Nonwhite:** 26.5%

Employment

Average monthly employment in 2004 for counties across the Catawba WIA ranged from 14,093 in Chester County to 87,868 in York County.

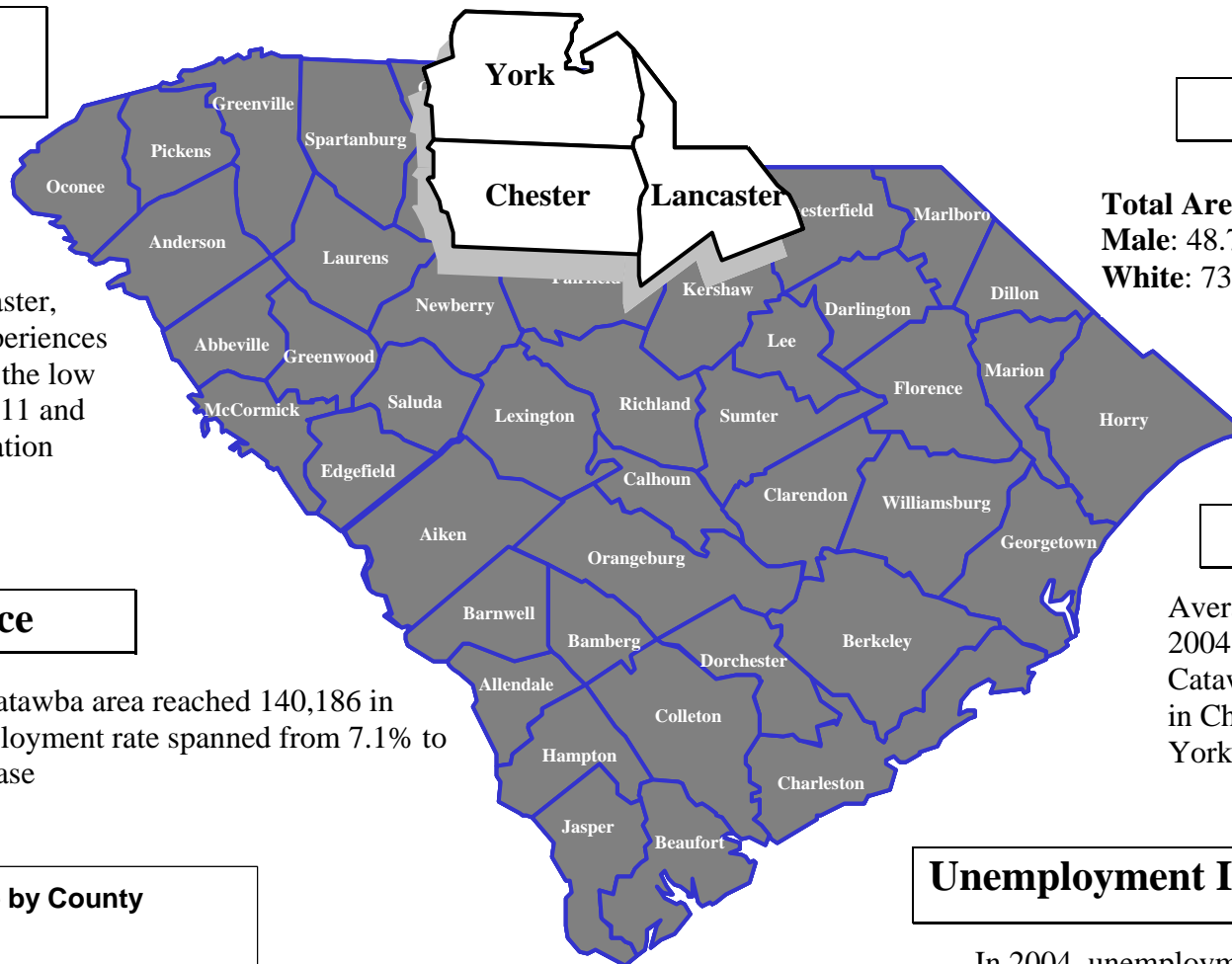
Unemployment Insurance Benefits

In 2004, unemployment insurance benefits paid by workforce centers in the Catawba WIA reached a total of \$23,341,603.

Per Capita Income

Per capita income for Catawba WIA counties in 2003 ranged from \$21,269 in Lancaster County to \$27,407 in York County, between 82% and 105% of the state's PCI of \$26,144.

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Unemployment Rate by County

